Foreign Nationals having HIV positive

605. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG:
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of foreign nationals in the country who were found to be HIV-positive since 1987 when the National programmes on AIDS were launched and how many of them have been deported;

(b) the number of Indians deported by the various foreign Governments on their being found HIV-positive and which authority is responsible for keeping track of such persons in the country stating the coordinating machinery, if any, between the Central and the State Governments for the purpose; and

(c) what are the reasons for not deporting all the foreign nationals who were found to be HIV-positive and what measures are contemplated by Government to deport them to their respective countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Out of 49,157 foreign national screened for HIV upto 1st June, 1992, 272 were found to be HIV positive. Out of the 272 HIV positive cases, 13 were full blown AIDS cases and the same have been deported.

(b) Till date, as per information available, only 14 Indians have been deported from outside the country. AIDS affected Indian nationals, included deported ones, are provided necessary medicare facilities by the State Health authorities.

(c) As per the guidelines issued by the Central Government, the State/UT Govts. are required to take immediate action for deportation of the HIV infected foreign nationals by informing Ministry of Home Affairs directly.

Sale of harmful and banned drugs

@606. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of multi-national drug companies have been distributing and selling harmful and banned drugs in India;

(b) what is the monitoring system to detect the sale of banned drugs;

(c) whether Government propose to bring forward adequate legislation to penalise medical practitioners who prescribe such banned drugs; and

(d) whether a list of banned drugs is supplied to various State Governments and health authorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d) It is not a fact that multinational companies have been distributing and selling harmful/irrational formulations banned by the Government of India through notifications published in the Gazette of India.

Based on the recommendations of the Drugs Technical Advisory Board, the Government, from time to time, through Gazette notifications, have been prohibiting manufacture and sale of formulations considered ineffective/harmful/irrational in the context of the present knowledge. The list of such baned drugs is also circu-

@Previously Unstarred Question 133 transferred from 9th July, 1992.

lated to the State Licensing Authorities so that they do not allow manufacure and sale of these drugs under the licences granted by them. Inspectorate staff of the State Drugs Administration conduct checks to detect manufacture and sale of banned drugs. However, some companies both national and multinationals and obtained stay against certain categories of formulations out of the banned list. Government have taken necessary steps to have the stay vacated.

According to the Code of medical ethics laid down by the Medical Council of India, under Section 33 of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, a physician should observe the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act as well as other Acts and Regulation of the State Governments| local bodies for protection and treatment of public health.

Supply of vehicles to PHCs

607. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the number of public Health Centres which have been provided vehicle under National Family Welfare Programme in Andhra Pradesh and the number of vehicle which are likely to be provided during the ytar 1992-93 to such Public Health Centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) All the Rural Family Welfare Centres created upto 1-4-1980, which are 420 in number in the State of Andhra Pradesh, have been provided vehicles. No allotment of additional vehicles is contemplated during the year 1992-93 except for replacement of condemned vehicles.

Opening of Medical|Dental College

608 DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh is going to open Medical and Dental Colleges in private sector with huge capitation fees;

(b) if so, what is the view of the Central Government in this regard;

(c) whether any permission has been sought from Medical and Dental Councils; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh have promulgated the Andhra Pradesh Unaided Private Medical and Dental Colleges (Establishment, Management and Admission) Rules, 1992 on the 22nd May, 1992 under which Private Medical and Dental Colleges may be established provided they fulfil various conditions stipulated therein including affiliation from the University of Health Sciences and permisson from the Medical and Dental Councils of India after fulfilling the requirements laid down by them. Further the fee structure of the College shall be specified by the Government from time to time.

The Government have already introduced a Bill in Parliament to amend the Indian Medical Council Act, under which a provision has been made to prohibit the charging of Capitation fees or any amount in excess of the scale of fees prescribed by the Medical Council of India.

Sub-standard drugs

609. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI:: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: